

HONORING THE 2005 WOMEN OF VISION AWARD RECIPIENTS:
ROSYLN MILSTEIN MEYER AND
GLORIA STEINEM

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join Women's Health Research at Yale as they honor two outstanding women with their 2005 Women of Vision Award: Gloria Steinem and, my good friend, Roslyn Milstein Meyer. This recognition is a reflection of the contributions these women have made, locally and across the globe.

Author, advocate, and leader, Gloria Steinem has brought issues of concern to women to the forefront of national and international discussion. Her leadership and vision helped to create an atmosphere in which women became empowered and ensured that their voice was heard. Ms. Steinem is an individual who sparked debate and stimulated discussion. Whether it was through her books or her unparalleled activism—and whether or not you agreed with her views—women were encouraged and motivated to act. Hers is a legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come.

While there are many people with good hearts, there are few who combine that heart with a deep commitment to philanthropy and action. Roz Meyer is one of those special people. She captures the best spirit of what it is to be a community leader. She is the co-founder of Leadership, Education, and Athletics in Partnership (LEAP), a nationally recognized program supporting hundreds of young people throughout Connecticut, as well as New Haven's International Festival of Arts and Ideas, an annual celebration of art, culture, and tradition. The success of both of these programs would not have been possible without the support and commitment that Roz provided. Through her advocacy, leadership, and awe-inspiring generosity, she has left an indelible mark on our community.

Whether its impact is on the world or a community, women across the globe touch the lives of people every day. I am honored to stand today and join Women's Health Research at Yale in recognizing the outstanding achievements of Gloria Steinem and Roslyn Milstein Meyer. Through their many contributions, they are a reflection of the very spirit of the Women of Vision Award. I am delighted to extend my sincere congratulations and very best wishes to them on this very special occasion.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JEANNE PETREK

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

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Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional woman—a devoted wife, mother, physician, and researcher—Dr. Jeanne Petrek.

Dr. Petrek, born in Youngstown, Ohio, pioneered the field of surgical oncology during a

time when very few women practiced such a demanding specialty. She received her medical degree from Chase Western Reserve in Cleveland and served on the faculty of Emory University School of Medicine in Georgia before joining the staff at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Center in 1978.

As director of the surgical program at the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center, Dr. Petrek became a leading expert on lymphedema and pregnancy-related breast cancer. In a field where most physicians focus on survival and the ability to extend life, Dr. Petrek chose to study how to improve the quality of life for cancer survivors, particularly after treatment. She also went on to study the links between surgery and lymphedema, which ultimately led to the development of surgical procedures that spare lymph nodes.

Dr. Petrek treated more than 4,000 women during her career in a specialty in which doctors normally handle about 400 patients. She was a true patient advocate and embodied the very best of what science and the medical profession can achieve.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Jeanne Petrek whose life will be remembered as one in which her determination to make a difference through her work was only matched by her devotion to her family. Her passing is a tremendous loss to her husband, her children, her colleagues, and her community, and she will be remembered in the hearts and minds of the thousands whose lives she touched.

TRIBUTE TO HARVEY L. STOCKWELL

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the House of Representatives the life accomplishments of a dedicated man. A man who has made a difference in so many lives that he should be recognized here today.

Harvey L. Stockwell, 87, of Garden Grove, California, was a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel with combat service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He died Feb. 28, 2005, of pulmonary complications at St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange, California.

Brother to Warren Stockwell, Harvey Lee "Bud" Stockwell was born in Irving Park, a suburb of Chicago, Illinois, on June 10, 1917, to Archie Lee and Anna Helen Stockwell.

He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1940 with a bachelor's degree in Geology and married Mary Lenore Lamb on August 21, 1943.

When our Nation was called into a second world war, Colonel Stockwell answered the call of duty. He started military life as an enlisted soldier in the US Army Corps of Engineers and quickly advanced to the rank of Corporal. His leadership ability earned him selection to Officer Candidate School where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Engineers and was sent overseas to fight, where he continued to lead.

Col. Stockwell was not a tall man in physical stature. But it was the quality of his character that defined the essence of his size. In that manner, he was a giant. A line of poetry from

Emily Dickinson defines his character well: "We never know how high we are until called upon to rise, and if our plan is true to form, our statures touch the skies."

During the 40th commemoration of the landing at Normandy in 1984, President Ronald Reagan described the character of the men who fought to preserve our freedom. In his address from France, President Reagan said, "These are the champions who helped free a continent. These are the heroes who helped win the war." Col. Stockwell was a champion and a hero. He helped make it possible for our Nation's flag to continue flying in all of its glory, long may she wave.

After World War II, he left military service for the private sector in Chicago, Illinois where he then answered our Nation's call again by reentering the service and fighting in the Korean War. This time, he stayed in uniform and was one of our Nation's first military advisors to serve in Vietnam.

Col. Stockwell was an honorable man who served our Nation faithfully in an honorable profession. He retired from the Army in 1966 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel after 25 years of active military service, and traded one form of honorable service for another when he headed up the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in Long Beach, California. There, for over 15 years, he instilled in thousands of students the values that have made our Nation great, values such as selfless service, loyalty and honor. He influenced generations of young people who, without his mentoring, may not have gone to college and on to successful careers in military service and professional civilian life. They never would have known how high they could reach until he called upon them to rise, and their statures touched the skies.

One of the high schools where he taught in Long Beach—Polytechnic High School—established an annual leadership award in his name to the most-deserving member of Junior ROTC there who exemplifies good leadership, military bearing and the ability to teach subordinates basic military knowledge. The recipient receives a gold medal whose name is inscribed on a perpetual plaque displayed in the unit; May 2005 will be the 21st award of the honor.

Col. Stockwell also gave his guidance and approval for a family scholarship to be established in Phoenix, Arizona. The name of the scholarship is the Stockwell Family Leadership Award and will be awarded to the most deserving graduate of Arizona Project Challenge, which graduates two classes each year. The Arizona National Guard runs Project Challenge as an alternative to high school for at-risk youth between the ages of 16 and 18. Most of the program's graduates receive their GED certificates and go on to institutions of higher learning, and this scholarship will help some deserving young people achieve their goals. Thanks to him, the statures of even more young people will reach to touch the skies. The first award of the scholarship will be made in June 2005 in his memory, and the memories of his son Robert and his brother Warren. They, too, served our Nation faithfully in uniform during times of war and peace. Their legacy of service lives.

Col. Stockwell's health began to decline about 15 years ago. It seemed the worse his health became, the taller he stood in stature. Poor leg circulation and breathing difficulties